

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NEW YORK, JUNE 9, 2016**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, the Buffalo United Front's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Father's Day Fish Fry Awards Banquet and Fundraiser will be held at the Centerfield Pavilion and Party Area at Coca-Cola Field in Downtown Buffalo on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the banquet held by the Buffalo United Front benefits the Family Fishing Day Weekend, a free fun-packed family event held at Broderick Park on June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> that coincides with New York State's two free fishing days that don't require a fishing license to fish in New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, Buffalo United Front's goal is to give away more than 1,000 fishing rods, reels and bait and to bring families together for a fun-packed weekend of fishing and food as well as introducing young people to the sport of fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, the site of the fishing day, at the newly-renovated Broderick Park, was chosen because of its importance to the African American Community as an important stop on the Underground Railroad for enslaved Africans seeking freedom in Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, the Father's Day Fish Fry Awards Banquet honors exemplary leaders within the community and the event will be MC'd by City Court Judge James McLeod and Masten Council Member Ulysees Wingo, and with the guest speaker at the Banquet being Rev. William Gillison, Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buffalo United Front are a group of community volunteers that work with youth to reduce violence in the City of Buffalo through a collaboration of front-line organizations and individuals dedicated to improving the quality of life and opportunities for young people in the City of Buffalo.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body pauses in its deliberations to congratulate the Buffalo United Front for their great work with the youth in the City of Buffalo.

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**Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams**  
*Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*

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**Karen M. McCarthy**  
*Clerk of the Erie County Legislature*